

***Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 70-72**

Question: Which is the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Question: What is required in the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

Question: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings

"Offertory in G"

Ross Anderson

*The Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn**

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"Thaxted"

Gustav Holst

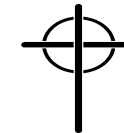
The First Presbyterian Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

***Called by God into the joy of new life in Christ,
First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale
seeks to live together faithfully,
committing ourselves to a life of worship,
mutual encouragement to growth in faith and knowledge,
and to the proclamation of the Gospel.***



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Sunday, August 2, 2026

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*Congregation May Stand

**People: Keep me as the apple of the eye;
 hide me in the shadow of Thy wings,**

All: From the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

Welcome and Announcements James Brandon

Call to Worship Psalm 16:5-8

Invocation

***Hymn** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Page #3

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 17:1-9

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

**People: From thee let my vindication come!
Let thy eyes see the right!**

Leader: If Thou triest my heart, if Thou visitest me by night,
if Thou testest me, Thou wilt find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

People: With regard to the works of men, by the word of Thy lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

Leader: My steps have held fast to Thy paths,
my feet have not slipped.

People: I call upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me, O God;
incline Thy ear to me, hear my words.

Leader: Wondrously show Thy steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at Thy right hand.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O Thou whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Thy presence and humbly seeks Thy face; We come to Thee as the day begins and the shadows of evening scatter. Deepen within us the sense of shame and sorrow for the wrongs we have done, for the good we have left undone; And strengthen every desire to amend our lives according to Thy holy will. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation; Bind up that which is broken; Give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls; According to Thy loving-kindness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri Page #805

Children's Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 32:22-31 Pew Bible Page #28

Interlude	<i>“Matinal”</i>	Richard Warner
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Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 4:14-5:10 Pew Bible Page #1046

Sermon The Goodness of Jesus Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* Page #60

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, August 2

- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

- 6:00 p.m. Strong Foundations Class, Anniversary Room

Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 6

- 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Next Sunday, August 9 {Communion}

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What's Ahead. . .

Tuesday, August 4	Strong Foundations Class
Thursday, August 6	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, August 9	Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>)
Tuesday, August 11	Strong Foundations Class (<i>last</i>)
Saturday, August 15	Back to School Worship & Prayer
Thursday, August 20	Session Meeting
Saturday, August 22	Church Picnic

WELCOME

The psalmist wrote, "*I keep the Lord always before me ...*" (Psalm 16:8, RSV). Let us try to do the same. With warm hearts before God and loving hands toward one another, let us worship joyfully together. Welcome!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 57

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings, given by Nancy and Dan Ashton.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	James Brandon
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bob Roberts
DEACON:	Eara Carver
USHERS:	Earla Carver and Faye & Steve Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS: Beverly Fall

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan French, Kathy Keil, Anne Root, Michael Brown (*Irma's Nephew*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Daughter-in-law B.Kneen*), Linda & Tom Monnich (*Friends C.Ringenberg*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** SGT Ricardo Arellano (*US Arm—Grandson Janice & Steve Simons*), LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nattional Guard--Grandson C.Dear*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Father's Table Food Pantry, King's Kupboard Food Pantry, Crossroads Farm, Lingap Children's Foundation, Kimball Camp, Love Inc, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse; Share the Warmth, and the Outreach Foundation; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny & Jan Garn, and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PICNIC: It's that time again – time to get together for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship! Won't you join us for annual Church Picnic happening on **Saturday, August 22**. We will share food, games, and great time together. Mark your calendars now and look for more details coming soon.

COMMUNION (August 9): The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next **Sunday, August 9** as part of our worship together. All who trust in Christ are invited to participate. Please remember that the *loose offering* in that Sunday's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

DEACONS MEEETING (August 6): The Board of Deacons will meet on **Thursday, August 6 at 4:00 PM** in the **Anniversary Room**. Please arrive on time as we discuss current ministry needs.

GRAB A CUP AND STAY AWHILE! The worship service may be over, but the Church family is still gathering! Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service for coffee, snacks, and great conversation. Let's take this time to catch up, encourage one another, and build our Church family. See you in Fellowship Hall!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: Please note that the **Men's Bible Study is cancelled for this week**. The group will resume meeting on **Thursday, August 13, at 9:00 AM** in the **Anniversary Room**. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions.

OFFICE NOTICE: Our office manager, Irma Jones, will be on vacation starting this **Friday, August 7 through Wednesday, August 12** to enjoy a time of rest away! Irma will return to the office on Thursday, August 13. For any immediate assistance or urgent Church matters during her absence, contact Pastor Scott at (636) 422-0075. Please join us in praying for her safe travels and refreshment!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS! Sunday School is taking a summer break and will return in August! After all, everyone needs a break now and then—students and teachers included. We invite you to enjoy this season of rest, renewal, and time with loved ones. Stay tuned for updates on our Fall kickoff. We look forward to seeing you during worship on Sunday!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASS: The Life skills class on “Healthy Boundaries” are **Tuesdays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM** in the Anniversary Room. The classes will officially wrap up on Tuesday, August 12. Thank you to everyone who participated, learned, and grew with us over the course of these sessions.

USHERS

August 9	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 16	Linda Fogarty, Tammy James, and Nancy Veenstra
August 23	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 30	The Cress and Portteus children

WORSHIP LEADERS

August 9	Lisa Roberts
August 16	Connie Hutchinson
August 23	Tom Conner
August 30	Rich Péwé

